

SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PHILADELPHIA ORPHAN SOCIETY,

READ AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, JANUARY 4, 1831.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.

“ Behold the babe wept, and she had compassion on him.”

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The Sixteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Orphan Society was held at the Masonic Hall, in Chesnut Street, on Tuesday, the 4th of January. The Rev. Mr. Sanford gave an appropriate Discourse, and read the following Report:—

REPORT.

ESTABLISHED custom requires that an annual exhibit of the concerns of public institutions should be made to their patrons. The Orphan Society, peculiarly favoured by the liberality and confidence of their fellow-citizens, deem it a privilege to be permitted thus to render an account, not only of the receipt and expenditure of funds committed to their management, but likewise of the interesting objects of this charity—aware that however inadequate language may be to express their gratitude, the moving spectacle of a hundred Orphans, glowing with health and full of comforts, will discourse most eloquently to every feeling heart, and raise thanksgiving voices to Almighty God, whose gracious care encircles them, and is their shield by day and by night.

It is not necessary to rehearse the calamitous condition from which your bounty has removed these helpless little beings;—the very name of Orphan, tells a tale of destitution—and in the abodes of poverty, where

there is no one to wipe the infant's tear, to wrap its feeble limbs, and supply its daily cravings, when the fond mother on whom alone it depended is no more, pity must be awakened in the most obdurate breast.

Those who have witnessed such scenes (and they are by no means rare) can duly estimate the benefits which this asylum affords, and must consider it a happiness to have aided in raising up such a home to the parentless children of misfortune,—where they are sheltered from the perils of want and the contamination of evil example—where efficient and moral teachers carefully instruct them—and the domestic charities are continually exercised towards them.

The usual course of tuition, in which reading the Scriptures forms a part of the daily exercises, is pursued in the school. The Managers aim at placing a solid foundation for useful knowledge in the minds of their pupils, as the early age at which they are separated from the Institution does not admit of very extensive improvement—but they have satisfaction in believing good principles are fixed in most of those who have been reared in the Asylum.

Among the females indentured to the Matron, several, impressed with a sense of religious duties, have become members of the church. With such encouragement, the anxiety which deepens their interest induces the Board to solicit the continued favour of the public, that this nursery of unprotected Orphans may, with the blessing of Providence, produce men and women

worthy of their benefactors, and higher still—aspirants of everlasting life!

There have been fifteen admitted during the last year—one died, and eight have been bound out—one hundred remain in the Asylum, all in health, which they have possessed in an unusual degree throughout the last year. The sum expended for maintenance of the family, as stated in the Treasurer's account, is \$3400.

The generosity extended to the Orphan Society from its formation, is a pledge that it may still rely on the sympathy of its patrons; and thus cherished, the hymn of gratitude ascending from infant lips to the throne of grace, must bring down a blessing on the Orphans' friends.

DR.

*The Orphan Society of Philadelphia, in Account with the Treasurer,
from January 1st, to December 31st, 1830.*

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1830.	1830.	1830.	
To cash paid Purchasing Committee, and expended by them in support of the Asylum, - - - - -	\$ 3400 00	By balance from 1829, - - - - -	\$ 11 97
To cash, Premium of Insurance, - - - - -	31 00	By cash, Annual Subscriptions, - - - - -	407 00
To cash, Repairs of Real Estate, - - - - -	157 26	By cash, Life Subscriptions and Dona- tions, - - - - -	163 00
To cash, Water Rent and Taxes, - - - - -	124 90	By cash, Dividends on Stocks, - - - - -	2388 83
To cash, Purchase of Stocks, - - - - -	4392 75	By cash, Stocks paid off, - - - - -	4032 00
To cash, Freedom Fees, - - - - -	57 00	By cash, Rent of Wills's House, - - - - -	650 00
To cash, Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	18 50	By cash, Charity Box and Collections, By cash, Binding Fees from Mr. Chris- tian, - - - - -	58 46
		By cash, Net proceeds of the Sale of Children's Work, - - - - -	9 00
		By cash, Legacies, - - - - -	158 30
		By cash, Sales of Articles at the Asy- lum, - - - - -	360 75
		By cash, Rent of Pasture Lot, - - - - -	4 00
		By cash, Fines on the Managers, - - - - -	15 00
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			\$ 8249 81

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Philadelphia, December 31, 1830.

Balance in the Treasurer's hands, De-
cember 31, - - - - -

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The Orphan Asylum of Philadelphia in Account with the Purchasing Committee,

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1830.		1830.	
To cash paid Matron and Assistants,	\$ 338 50	By balance in the hands of the Purchasing Committee, from 1829,	\$ 236
To cash, Furniture, House Repairs, and Gardening, - - -	108 11	By cash received at sundry times from the Treasurer, - - -	3400 00
To cash, Fuel, - - -	207 75		
To cash, Meat, Vegetables, and Indian Meal, - - -	867 41		
To cash, Bread and Milk, - - -	755 76		
To cash, Groceries, - - -	122 81		
To cash, Clothing, - - -	653 73		
To cash, Tuition and School Expenses, - - -	303 77		
To cash, Funeral and Medical Expenses, - - -	12 00		
To cash, Sundries, - - -	29 50		
To cash, Balance in hand, - - -	3 02		
	\$ 3402 36	E. E. <i>Philadelphia, January 31, 1831.</i>	\$ 3402 36

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1831.

First Directress,

MRS. SARAH W. FISHER.

Second Directress,

MRS. LÆTITIA BUCHANAN.

Treasurer,

MRS. JULIA R. WILLIAMS.

Secretary,

MISS REBECCA GRATZ.

Managers,

Mrs. Sarah W. Fisher,

Mrs. Lætitia Buchanan,

Mrs. Julia R. Williams,

Mrs. Mary Hodge,

Mrs. Mary Yorke,

Mrs. Anne Morris,

Mrs. Eliza Otto,

Mrs. Mary Thomas,

Mrs. Sarah L. Mifflin,

Mrs. Mary Gillaspy,

Mrs. Anna Dundas,

Mrs. Margaret Vaux,

Mrs. G. D. Blaikie,

Miss Jane H. Phillips,

Miss Eliza Ralston,

Miss Margaret Latimer,

Miss Harriet Barclay,

Miss Theodosia Bayard,

Miss Mary Smith,

Miss Gertrude E. Meredith,

Miss Elizabeth Keppele,

Miss Sarah Richards,

Miss Alida Van R. Kane,

Miss Rebecca Gratz.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1830.

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Onderdonk,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 2 00
Miss E. Chauncey,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Miss S. V. Chauncey,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Bailey,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1 50
Mrs. Julia Scott,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Mrs. Caroline Pintard,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Mrs. A. S. Livingston,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
The Miss Colhouns,	-	-	-	.	-	.	.	3 00
Donation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Donation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0 50
G. Harrison, Esq.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
M. Carey, Esq. one-half the balance of the funds of the " Association of the Friends of Ireland,"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67 89
Dr. William Huling,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00

LEGACIES.

Mrs. Margaret Clubb, - - - - - 68 25

FORM OF RELINQUISHMENT OF CHILDREN TO BE RECEIVED INTO THE ASYLUM.

“I do hereby surrender to *The Orphan Society of Philadelphia*, the child A. B., to be provided for, instructed, and bound out by the said Society, for such term of years, within lawful age, as may appear to be proper, engaging that I will not demand or receive any compensation for the same, or in any way interfere with the views or directions of the Society.”

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE ORPHAN SOCIETY.

MONEY LEGACY.

“I give and bequeath unto *The Orphan Society of Philadelphia*, the sum of _____ to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of said Society.”

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE AND GROUND RENTS.

“I give and devise unto *The Orphan Society of Philadelphia*, [here describe the property or ground rent] together with the appurtenances, in fee simple.”

